

About Greg Palast

"Palast's stories bite. They're so relevant they threaten to alter history. Palast is exactly what a journalist is supposed to be - a truth hound, doggedly independent, undaunted by power." -- Chicago Tribune

Greg Palast is the author of two international and *New York Times* bestsellers based on his reportage for BBC Television's premier current affairs program, *Newsnight*, and his investigative reports for Britain's *Guardian* newspapers.

It was Palast who, for the *Guardian* and the BBC, first uncovered and documented the purge of thousands of African-American voters, wrongly named felons, by the state of Florida before the 2000 presidential election. His update of the report, for *Harper's*, was nominated for an American Magazine Award.

Born in Los Angeles, Palast, an economist who studied with Milton Friedman at the University of Chicago, worked for two decades as an investigator of corporate fraud and as an expert on control of industry. His influential book in the field, *Democracy and Regulation* (2002/3), commissioned by the United Nations, is based on his lectures at the Cambridge University Department of Applied Economics and at the University of Sao Paulo.

PBS television's *Now* profiled Palast's BBC investigation of a "voter caging" scheme operated from the office of presidential advisor Karl Rove. Among other investigative stories Palast broadcast on the BBC was the disclosure of confidential US State Department pre-invasion plans for the oil fields of Iraq. His BBC documentary *Bush Family Fortunes* (2003) received the George Orwell Courage in Journalism Award. BBC has featured interviews by Palast with notables such as President Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz.

Palast is currently on assignment to *Vanity Fair* with law professor Robert F. Kennedy Jr. to investigate the integrity of the 2008 voting process in America.

Palast, this year's Nation Institute Puffin Foundation Writing Fellow, was named Patron of the Trinity College Philosophical Society, an honor previously bestowed on Jonathan Swift and Oscar Wilde. He has returned from residence in London to direct his investigative team from an office on New York's Lower East Side.

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